demands revision to IG system' appearing in the Indian Express of dated 23 May 1985;

(b) whether it is a fact that under the present system police officials have unlimited powers;

(c) what were the contents of the representation made to Home Minister by CEC and other Metropolitan Councillors in this regard; and

(d) what action has been taken on the representation?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No representation in this regard was given by the Chief Executive Councillor and other Metropolitan Councillors when they called on the Home Minister recently.

(d) Question does not arise.

Closing down of the Temple Bay Restaurant at Mahabalipuram

1035. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI L. GANESAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the date of closing down of the Temple Bay Restaurant at Mahabalipuram by the ITDC;

(b) what were the specific reasons for the closing down of the restaurant;

(c) the sale of the restaurant for three years before the closing down;

(d) the purpose for which the space of the restaurant is being utilized presently; and

(e) the year-wise income accrued from the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) to (e) The Ashok Travellers Restaurant at Mamallapuram (Mahabalipuram) was closed down in December, 1984 for enabling the ITDC to construct conference facilities as a part of the Temple Bay Ashok Beach Resort.

Before closing down the Travellers Restaurant, its sales were as under :

Year	Sales (Rs. in lakhs)
1982-83	1.44
1983-84	1.10
1984-85 (Prov.)	0.88

The conference facilities are yet to be fully completed in the Conference Hall. However, during 1984-85 (Feb-March), the income earned was of the order of Rs. 0.20 lakh.

Setting up of an Atomic Power Station in Himachal Pradesh

1036. SHRIMATI USHA MALHOTRA:
SHRI SHANTI TYAGI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Himachal Pradesh Government have urged the Central Government to set up an atomic power plant in the State to meet its acute power deficit during the winter,

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE AND ELECTRONICS (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) State Government has requested that to meet the shortage of energy during winter at least one atomic power station may be earmarked for Himachal Pradesh.

(c) Site Selection Committee has assessed sites for location of Atomic Power Stations in the northern electricity region of which Himachal Pradesh is a constituent State. The report of the Site Selection Committee is under examination of the Government.

Prime Minister's Observation on Afghanistan

1037. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister in his address to the Joint Session of the US Congress made certain observations on the political settlement in Afghanistan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Statement is laid on the table of the House. (*See* below).

Statement

Following is the extract from the Prime Minister's address to the US Congress on June 13, 1985:—

"Afghanistsn and South-west Asia are on all our minds. Outside interference and intervention have put in jeopardy the stability, security and progress of the region. We are opposed to both foreign presences and pressures. The one is advanced as a justification for the other. We stand for a political settlement in Afghanistan that ensure sovereignty, integrity, independence and nonaligned status, and enables the refugees to return to their homes in safety and honour. Such a settlement can only come through dialogue and a realistic consensus among the parties directly concerned. The UN Secretary-General has taken an initiative in this direction. We fully support that initiative."

Cracks in the endshield of the first unit of the Rajasthan Atomic Power Station

1038. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken to ensure that the cracks which have been plugged in the endshield of the first unit of the Rajasthan Atomic Power Station would not recur;

(b) whether it is a fact that the endshield has become brittle due to constant exposure to radiation;

(c) whether Units I and II of the Rajasthan Atomic Power Plant are operating; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the action taken so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE AND ELECTRONICS (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) The endshield of Unit-I of the Rajasthan Atomic Power Plant has shown signs of embrittlement due to heat treatment during construction. Special operating procedures have been laid down to improve the structural integrity of the endshield.

(c) and (d) Unit-I is under an inspection outage whereafter repairs will be carried out as necessary. Unit-II is operational.